FIRM AT THE CLOSE

STOCKS HELD THEIR OWN AND BETTER ON NEW YORK 'CHANGE.

Sugar Led in the Dealings and Wound Up with a Gain of 5-8 Per Cent.—Local Markets Quiet.

At New York, yesterday, money on call was easy at 1 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 3@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange dull and heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@4.86 for demand, and $4.85@4.85¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.86 and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.84.

Silver certificates, 64½c. Bar silver closed at 64⅝c per ounce; Mexican dollars, 52⅜c. At London bar silver closed at 29 11-16d.

Total sales of stocks were 177,028 shares, including: Atchison, 3,400; Sugar, 73,500; Burlington, 18,300; Chicago Gas, 7,400; Distilling, 4,000; Rock Island, 3,400; St. Paul, 15,600; Cordage, 4,300; Western Union, 3,300.

At the opening of business on the Stock Exchange, yesterday, there was an active demand, which was most marked in the granger shares. The moving influence was the government crop report issued late Monday afternoon, which was less unfavorable than had been anticipated. During the past week the traders had been figuring on a bad crop report, especially as to corn, and when they found that their calculations were not carried out they were in haste to repair the error. Hence those who had short contracts on their hands were desirous to cover, and their purchases brought about a sharp advance, led by Burlington & Quincy with a gain of 1⅝, which brought the price to 77¾. Rock Island rose 1 per cent. to 11 and St. Paul ⅝ to 67¼. Sugar also joined in the upward movement, touching 105¼, an advance of 1¼. The general market also recorded a fractional improvement, which was, however, but temporary, the leaders of the market, too, making a reaction, Burlington losing ¾, Sugar ⅝ and the other shares a smaller fraction. A break of 1 per cent. resulted and the rest of the market moved down in sympathy, but only fractionally, except in the case of New York, Chicago & St. Louis, which fell 1 per cent. London houses which had been buying at the early trading sold at the higher figures and helped to depreciate values. Some of the specialties were in demand, notably Susquehanna & Western preferred, which rose 1¼ to 44¼. Before 11 o'clock Sugar sprang into demand in expectation of the declaration of the regular dividend of 3 per cent. and an improvement of 1½ to 106¼ was effected, the general market being held steadily up to midday, except United States Cordage, which was sold freely on reports that the company's business was not prosperous and declined 1½ to 16. Speculation during the afternoon was rather dull except in Sugar, which moved erratically, reacting 1⅛ to 105, advancing to 106, breaking to 104⅛ with a final recovery of ⅝, making a gain on the day of ⅞, the preferred advancing ½. The decline after the declaration of the dividend is said to be due to a belief that the business of the company will have to be done on a different plan during the coming fiscal year. The active list fell off a small fraction in sympathy with the weakness in Sugar, while Cordage preferred broke 3½ and Manhattan 1 per cent. In the last hour the market was strong, some shares recording material advances and almost the entire market closing firm. The chief gains on the day are: Baltimore & Ohio, 2¼; Susquehanna & Western preferred, 2⅛, and the grangers, ¼@⅝ per cent. Some declines were established, including United States Cordage preferred, 3½.

The railway and miscellaneous bond market was generally firm throughout the day on a good volume of business, the sales aggregating $1,648,250. The more important changes were: Advances—Peoria & Eastern firsts, 3 per cent.; Louisville & Nashville, Evansville & Nashville firsts, 2; Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City firsts, trust receipts, 1¾; Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City, Southwest division, 1; Chesapeake & Ohio fives, Michigan Central fives of 1902 and New York Central debenture fives, registered, 1. Declines—Union Pacific gold sixes and Green Bay firsts, 2 per cent.; Kansas Pacific consols, 1¾ and Northwest Sinking Fund fives, 1.

Government bonds were firm, and State bonds also.

The following table, prepared by James E. Berry, Room 16, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

Name.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	146
Alton & Terre Haute	....	....	....	30
Alton & T. H. pref	....	....	....	168
American Express	....	....	....	110
Atchison	8	8⅛	7⅞	7⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	....	....	....	78½
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	67
Canada Southern	....	....	....	52¾
Central Pacific	....	....	....	16½
Chesapeake & Ohio	20¾	20¾	20¾	20¾
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	141
C., B. & Q.	77½	77¾	76¼	76¾
C. & E. I. pref	....	....	....	97
Chicago Gas	74⅜	74⅜	73⅜	74⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	....	40
Cotton Oil	34⅛	34⅛	33¾	33¾
Delaware & Hudson	135	135	135	135
D., L. & W.	169½	169½	169½	169½
Dis. & C. F. Co.	16	16¼	15⅞	16⅛
Edison Gen. Elec.	41¼	41¼	41	41⅛
Erie	....	....	....	16
Erie pref.	16⅛	16⅛	15⅞	15⅞
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	152
Great Northern pref.	....	....	....	100
Hocking Valley	19⅞	19⅞	19¾	19¾
Illinois Central	....	....	....	94½
Lake Erie & W.	....	....	....	18½
Lake Erie & W. pref.	....	....	....	73¾
Lake Shore	....	....	....	136¼
Lead Trust	42¾	43½	42¾	43¼
Louisville & Nashville	57⅛	57⅛	56⅜	56¾
Louis. & New Albany.	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝	8⅝
Manhattan	118	118½	118	118½
Michigan Central	....	....	....	98
Missouri Pacific	30½	30¾	30½	30½
U. S. Cordage	17½	17½	16	16¾
U. S. Cordage pref	....	....	....	20
New Jersey Central	115¼	115¼	115¼	115¼
New York Central	101½	101⅝	101½	101½
N. Y. & N. E.	27	27⅜	27	27¼
Northern Pacific	....	....	....	9¼
Northern Pacific pref.	21⅝	21⅞	21⅝	21⅝
Northwestern	106	106	105¾	105⅞
Northwestern pref.	....	....	....	141½
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	15½
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	4½
Pullman Palace	....	....	....	157
Reading	21¾	21¾	21⅜	21½
Rock Island	65¾	66	65⅛	65½
St. Paul	67¼	67¼	66⅝	66⅞
St. Paul pref.	....	....	....	122
Sugar Refinery	105	106⅛	104⅛	104⅞
U. S. Express	....	....	....	50
Wabash, St. L. & P.	8	8	8	8
W., St. L. & P. pref.	17	17	16½	16⅞
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	116
Western Union	92¼	92½	91¾	92⅛
U. S. Fours, reg	....	....	....	114
U. S. Fours, coup	....	....	....	115

Tuesday's Bank Clearings.

At Chicago—Clearings, $14,712,000. Money, 4@4½ per cent on call; 5@6 per cent. on time. New York exchange, 60 cents discount. Foreign exchange weak. Sterling commercial, $4.83¼@4.84½.

At Philadelphia—Clearings, $11,355,145; balances, $1,676,785.

At New York—Clearings, $82,000,740; balances, $5,165,571.

At Boston—Clearings, $13,604,330; balances, $1,424,711.

At Baltimore—Clearings, $2,478,655; balances, $332,374.

At St. Louis—Clearings, $3,824,197; balances, $723,698.

At New Orleans—Clearings, $1,566,951.

At Memphis—Clearings, $224,187; balances, $84,829.

At Cincinnati—Money, 3½@5 per cent. New York exchange, 15c discount and par. Clearings, $2,105,850.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Best Business Day of the Month, with Steady Prices.

Cooler weather which prevailed yesterday increased business, with the wholesale houses especially. On Commission row there was a good deal of activity and prices ruled steady. New cranberries are on the market at $15 per barrel. Pears, on increased receipts, were easier, some selling as low as $3.50 per barrel. Peaches are still in good supply. Grocers were busy, sugars and coffees, in fact, all staple groceries, having taken on a steady tone. Leather dealers report trade good, and the hardware men say they have less room for complaint.

The local grain market is rather tame. For corn only is there a noticeable demand, and yesterday's prices, track, were the same as on Monday, as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 49¼c; No. 3 red, 44¾c; wagon wheat, 48c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 56c; No. 2 white, 56c; No. 3 white, 56c; No. 4 white, 52c; No. 2 white mixed, 54c; No. 3 white mixed, 54c; No. 4 white mixed, 51c; No. 2 yellow, 54½c; No. 3 yellow, 54½c; No. 4 yellow, 49c; No. 2 mixed, 54c; No. 3 mixed, 54c; No. 4 mixed, 50c; ear corn, 54c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3 white, 31½c; No. 2 mixed, 30c; No. 3 mixed, 29c; rejected, 26@28c.

Rye—No. 2, 40c for car lots, 34c for wagon rye.

Bran, $13.50.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $9; No. 2, $8; No. 1 prairie, $7.50; mixed, $6.50; clover, $6.50 per ton.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices Paid by Shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 7c per lb; spring chickens, 7c; cocks, 3c; turkeys, toms, 3c per lb; hens, 5c per lb; ducks, 5c per lb; geese, $4.80 per doz for choice.

Eggs—Shippers paying 13c.

Butter—Choice, 12@14c.

Honey—18c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 30@32c per lb; mixed duck, 20c per lb.

Beeswax—20c for yellow; 15c for dark.

Wool—Medium unwashed, 12c; Cotswold and coarse combing, 10@12c; tub-washed, 16@18c; burry and unmerchantable, 5@10c less.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Hides—No. 1 G. S. hides, 3¾c; No. 2 G. S. hides, 2¾c; No. 1 calf hides, 6½c; No. 2 calf hides, 5c.

Tallow—No. 1 tallow, 4½c; No. 2 tallow, 3¾c.

Grease—White, 4½c; yellow, 3½c; brown, 3c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of wholesale dealers.)

Canned Goods.

Peaches—Standard, 3-pound, $1.85@2; 3-pound seconds, $1.50@1.65; 3-pound pie, $1.15@1.20; California standard, $2.25@2.50; California seconds, $1.85@2. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 90@95c; raspberries, 2-pound, $1.10@1.20; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, $1.25@1.35; choice, $2@2.25; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, 90@95c; light, 65@70c; 2-pound, full, $1.80@1.90; light, $1.10@1.20; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, $1.10@1.30; peas, marrowfat, $1.10@1.20; early June, $1.25@1.50; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, $1.20@1.25; strawberries, $1.20@1.30; salmon (lbs), $1.45@2.20; 3-pound tomatoes, $1.05@1.10.

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 7c per lb; common mixed, 7c; G. A. R. mixed, 8c; Banner mixed, 10c; cream mixed, 10c; old-time mixed, 8c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 15c; Brazil nuts, 12c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 14c.

Coal and Coke.

Anthracite coal, all sizes, $7.50 per ton; Pittsburg and Raymond City, $4.25 per ton; Jackson, $4.25; block, $3.25; Island City, $3; Blossburg and English cannel, $5. All nut coals 50c below above quotations.

Coke—Connellsville, $3.75 per load; crushed, $3.25 per load; lump, $3 per load.

Dried Fruit.

Figs—Layer, 14@15c per lb.

Peaches—Common, sun-dried, 8@10c per lb; California, 14@15c; California fancy, 15@18c.

Apricots—Evaporated, 16@18c.

Prunes—California, 7@12c per lb.

Currants—3½@4c per lb.

Raisins—Loose Muscatel, $1.10@1.25 per box; London layer, $1.25@1.35 per box; Valencia, 8@8½c per lb; layer, 9@10c.

Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.48@2.65; asafetida, 35c; alum, 4@5c; camphor, 50@55c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; copperas, brls, 85c@$1; cream tartar, pure, 26@28c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, $2.15@2.40; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal, $1.10@1.15; oil, bergamot, per lb, $3; opium, $2.40; quinine, P. & W., per oz, 35@40c; balsam copaiba, 60@65c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 14@20c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 40@45c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonida, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22@26c.

Oils—Linseed, 51@54c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bunk, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c. Lard oils—Winter strained, in brls, 60c per gal; in half brls, 3c per gal extra.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 6c; Capital, 5½c; Cumberland, 6½c; Dwight Anchor, 7½c; Fruit of the Loom, 7½c; Farwell, 7c; Fitchville, 6½c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 5½c; Gilded Age, 7c; Hill, 7c; Hope, 6½c; Linwood, 7c; Lonsdale, 7½c; Lonsdale Cambric, 9½c; Masonville, 7½c; Peabody, 5½c; Pride of the West, 11½c; Quinebaugh, 6c; Star of the Nation, 6c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Peperell, 9-4, 18c; Pepperell, 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 19c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 21c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6c; Argyle, 5½c; Boott C, 4¾c; Buck's Head, 6c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 7½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7c; Dwight Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 4¾c; Hill Fine, 7c; Indian Head, 6c; Lawrence LL, 4½c; Pepperell E, 6c; Pepperell R, 5½c; Pepperell E, 6c; Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20½c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4¾c; Allen's staples, 4¾c; Allen TR, 5c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 6¾c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Cocheco madders, 4¾c; Hamilton fancy, 5c; Manchester fancy, 5c; Merrimac fancy, 5c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 5½c; Pacific fancy, 5c; Pacific robes, 5½c; Pacific mourning, 5½c; Simpson Eddystone, 5c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5½c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5c; Simpson's mournings, 5c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5¼c; Amoskeag Persian Dress, 6½c; Bates Warwick Dress, 6½c; Johnson BF Fancies, 8½c; Lancaster, 5¼c; Lancaster Normandies, 6c; Carrolton, 4¾c; Renfrew Dress, 6½c; Whittenton Heather, 6½c; Calcutta Dress styles, 5½c.

Kidfinished Cambrics—Edwards, 3¾c; Warren, 3½c; Slater, 3¾c; Genesee, 3¾c.

Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 11½c; Conestoga BF, 13c; Cordis, 140, 12½c; Cordis FT, 12½c; Cordis ACE, 12½c; Hamilton awning, 10c; Kimono Fancy, 7c; Lenox Fancy, 18c; Methuen AA, 12c; Oakland AF, 6c; Portsmouth, 11c; Susquehanna, 13c; Shetucket SW, 7½c; Shetucket F, 8c; Swift River, 5½c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $12.50; American, $12.50; Franklinville, $15; Harmony, $12.50; Stark, $17.50.

Flour.

Straight grades, $2.50@2.75; fancy grades, $2.75@3; patent flour, $3.25@3.75; low grades, $1.50@2.

Groceries.

Sugars—Hard sugars, 5⅛@5⅝c; confectioners' A, 5⅜@5½c; soft A, 4⅞@5¼c; extra C, 4⅜@4⅞c; yellow C, 4⅛@4⅜c; dark yellow, 3⅝@4⅜c.

Coffee—Good, 21@21½c; prime, 22½@23½c; strictly prime, 24½@26½c; fancy green and yellow, 26½@27½c; ordinary Java, 29½@30½c; old government Java, 32½@33½c; roasted, 1-pound packages, 22¼c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@40c; choice, 40@45c; syrups, 26@32c.

Spices—Pepper, 16@18c; allspice, 12@15c; cloves, 20@25c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 70@80c per lb.

Rice—Louisiana, 4½@5½c; Carolina, 4¾@6¾c.

Salt—In car lots, 90@95c; small lots, $1@1.05.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $2.10@2.20 per bu; medium hand-picked, $2@2.10; limas, California, 5c per lb.

Shot—$1.20@1.25 per bag for drop.

Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars.

Wooden dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.50; No. 2, $3; No. 3, $3.50; No. 5, $4.50.

Twine—Hemp, 12@18c per lb; wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c; paper, 15c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 16@25c.

Flour Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $3.50; 1-16 brl, $5; ⅛ brl, $8; ¼ brl, $16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $4.25; 1-16 brl, $6.50; ⅛, $10; ½, $20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32, per 1,000, $7; 1-16, $8.75; ⅛, $14.50; ¼, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6.50@7; No. 2 tubs, $5.50@6; No. 3 tubs, $4.50@5; 3-hoop pails, $1.50@1.60; 2-hoop pails, $1.15@1.25; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.50@1.85; clothes pins, 50@85c per box.

Iron and Steel.

Bar iron, 1.50@1.60c; horseshoe bar, 2¾@3c; nail rod, 6c; plow slabs, 3c; American cast steel, 8c; tire steel, 2¾@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 28@38c; hemlock sole, 22@28c; harness, 26@28c; skirting, 31@32c; single strap, 41c; black bridle, per doz, $60@95; fair bridle, $60@78 per doz; city kip, 55@75c; French kip, 85c@$1.10; city calfskins, 85c@$1; French calfskins, $1@1.80.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $1.25; wire nails, $1.25 rates; horseshoes, per keg, $3.75; mule shoes, per keg, $4.75; horse nails, $4@5.

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Peaches—Michigan, 30@35c per one-fifth bushel basket; $1.50@2 per bu.

Green Beans—30@50c per bu, according to growth.

Cranberries—$10 per brl, $3.50 per box.

Canteloupes—50@75c per brl; Little Gem melons, 25@30c per basket; Christina melons, 50@65c per crate.

Sweet Potatoes—Baltimore, $2.75 per brl; Jersey, $3.50@3.75 per brl.

Oranges—Full box, $4.50.

Cabbage—Per brl, 50@75c.

Watermelons—Per hundred, $8@12.

Bananas—Per bunch, 75c@$1.25.

Onions—Per brl, $1.25@1.50; 50@60c per bu.

Cheese—New York full cream, 12@14c; skims, 5@7c per lb.

Tomatoes—25@30c per bu.

Potatoes—Per brl, $1.40@1.65; 50@55c per bu.

Plums—Choice prune plums, 50c per peck basket; Damson plums, $3@3.50 per bu basket; common plums, $1.25@1.50 per bu basket.

Lemons—Best, $3.50@3.75 per box; common, $2.25@2.75.

Apples—Per brl, common, $1.50; choice, $2; Malden Blush, $3; Duchess, $2.50.

Pears—Per peck basket, 50c; half bushel baskets, 75c; brl, $3.50@4.

Celery—Per bunch, 25@35c, according to quality.

Grapes—Kelly Island, 18@20c per basket; home grown, 3@4c per lb.

Provisions.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 10c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 10¼@10½c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 10¾c; bellies, 25 lbs average, 10¾c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 10½c; 12 to 15 lbs average, 10¾c; clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 10c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 10¼c; 9 to 10 lbs average, 10c.

Shoulders—English-cured, 12 lbs average, 9¾@10¼c; 16 lbs average, 9½@9¾c.

Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 12¾c; 15 lbs average, 13c; 12½ lbs average, 13@13¼c; 10 lbs average, 13½@13¾c; block hams, 13½@13¾c; all first brands; seconds, ¼@½c less.

California Hams—Sugar-cured, 10 to 12 lbs average, 9c; boneless hams, sugar-cured, 9c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl 200 lbs, $17@18; rump pork, $15@15.50.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear firsts, 13½@14c; seconds, 11¾c.

Lard—Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 10¼@10¾c; pure lard, 9¾@10c.

Seeds.

Clover—Choice, recleaned, 60-lb, $5@5.50; prime, $4.75@5.25; English, choice, $5; prime, $5.50; Alsike, choice, $6.50@7.25; Alfalfa, choice, $5.25@5.55; crimson or scarlet clover, $4.25@4.75; timothy, 45-lb, choice, $2.45@2.65; strictly prime, $2.50@2.60; blue grass, fancy, 14-lb, $1.10@1.20; extra clean, 85@90c. Orchard grass, extra, $1.65@1.75; Red top, choice, $1@1.25; extra clean, 90c@$1. English bluegrass, 24-lb, $2.20@2.35.

Tinners' Supplies.

Best brand charcoal tin IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $6.75@7; IX, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $8.50@9; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $5.75@6; IC, 20x28, $11.50@12; block tin, in pigs, 25c; in bars, 27c. Iron—27 B iron, 3c; C iron, 4c; galvanized, 70 and 10 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 6@6½c. Copper bottoms, 20c. Planished copper, 24c. Solder, 15@16c.

INDIANA FAIRS.

Sept. 11 to 15—Monroe county fair, C. R. Worrell, secretary, Bloomington.

Sept. 11 to 14—Kentland fair, W. T. Drake, secretary, Kentland.

Sept. 11 to 14—Lake county fair, W. L. Allman, secretary, Crown Point.

Sept. 10 to 1—Gibson county fair, S. Vet Strain, secretary, Princeton.

Sept. 10 to 14—Clark county fair, L. C. Morrison, secretary, Charleston.

Sept. 10 to 14—Fountain, Warren and Vermillion, W. T. Ward, secretary, Covington.

Sept. 10 to 15—Rush county fair, W. L. King, secretary, Rushville.

Sept. 10 to 14—Parke county fair, J. Edgar Allen, secretary, Rockville.

Sept. 11 to 14—Starke county fair, H. R. Cowell, secretary, Knox.

Sept. 11 to 15—Warren tri-county fair, Nathan Fisher, secretary, Warren.

Sept. 12 to 15—Miami and Fulton county fair, Ira B. Hurst, secretary, Macy.

Sept. 18 to 21—Steuben county fair, H. L. Huston, secretary, Angola.

Sept. 17 to 21—Tri-State fair, R. L. Aiken, secretary, Evansville.

Sept. 17 to 22—Lawrence county fair, Frank Owen, secretary, Bedford.

Sept. 18 to 21—Marshall county fair, C. Fisher, secretary, Plymouth.

Sept. 17 to 21—Vermillion county fair, I. S. Grondyke, secretary, Cayuga.

Sept. 17 to 22—Indiana State fair, C. F. Kennedy, secretary, Indianapolis.

Sept. 18 to 21—Wabash county fair, George B. Fawley, secretary, Wabash.

Sept. 18 to 21—Porter county fair, E. S. Beach, secretary, Valparaiso.

Sept. 17 to 22—Elkhart county fair, E. E. Drake, secretary, Goshen.

Sept. 19 to 21—Farmers' Union fair, W. H. Deacon, secretary, New Carlisle.

Sept. 25 to 28—LaPorte county fair, J. V. Dorland, secretary, LaPorte.

Sept. 25 to 28—North Manchester tri-county fair, B. F. Clemens, secretary, North Manchester.

Sept. 25 to 28—Fayette county fair, Connersville, W. F. Downs, secretary.

Sept. 25 to 29—Vermillion county joint stock fair, John Richardson, secretary, Newport.

Sept. 25 to 29—Huntington county fair, A. L. Beck, secretary, Huntington.

Sept. 24 to 28—Eastern Indiana agricultural fair, J. S. Coniogue, secretary, Kendallville.

Sept. 25 to 28—Jay county fair, Geo. W. Bergeman, secretary, Portland.

Sept. 25 to 28—Greene county central fair, J. B. Heaton, secretary, Bloomfield.

Sept. 25 to 28—Bremen agricultural fair, H. H. Miller, secretary, Bremen.

Sept. 24 to 28—Posey county fair, T. W. Wilson, secretary, New Harmony.

Sept. 25 to 28—Pulaski county fair, S. B. Agnew, secretary, Winamac.

Sept. 24 to 29—Jackson county fair, Henry Price, secretary, Seymour.

Oct. 1 to 5—Greene county fair, D. J. Terhune, secretary, Linton.

Oct. 3 to 6—Fulton county fair, Geo. V. Dawson, secretary, Rochester.

Oct. 1 to 5—Poplar Grove fair, A. D. Woods, secretary, Poplar Grove.

Oct. 1 to 5—Noble county fair, Jas. E. McDonald, secretary, Ligonier.

Oct. 1 to 6—Daviess county fair, W. F. Axtell, secretary, Washington.

Oct. 1 to 5—North Indiana and South Michigan fair, D. W. Place, secretary, South Bend.

Oct. 2 to 5—Randolph county fair, D. E. Hohman, secretary, Winchester.

Oct. 3 to 5—Maxinkuckee fair, E. S. Freese, secretary, Maxinkuckee.

Oct. 9 to 12—Bourbon Fair Association, Bourbon; George D. Ettinger, secretary.

Oct. 8 to 12—Northeastern Indiana fair, J. G. Johnson, secretary, Waterloo.

Oct. 13—Marion county exhibition, Ids F. Richardson, secretary, Indianapolis.

The Conference Boundary Question.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

Allusion has been made in the Journal to the readjustment of the boundaries of the Methodist conference in Indiana, but the merits of the case have not been fully stated. There is comparatively little unrest among the laity anywhere except in Indianapolis, for elsewhere they suffer but little from present conditions. It has come to pass that conference boundaries very little affect churches as to the pulpit supply, for over the continued protest of the ministry, the laity seek and obtain the preacher they want, no matter what conference he belongs to. The time in Methodism is past when a church must be supplied from the conference in whose boundary it is, hence the laity outside of Indianapolis care but little what are the boundaries of the conference. But the case is entirely different here. There are twenty-five pastoral charges in Indianapolis and immediate vicinity, with one or two more in immediate prospect. These are in three conferences and under three presiding elders, with the churches in each district as distinct from the churches in the other districts in almost every church enterprise as they are from the Presbyterian or Baptist churches of the city. These and other denominations that act as a unit are taking possession of available points and doing grand work for the Master. There is not a single church enterprise in which the Meridian-street congregation and that of Roberts Park, or the Madison-avenue and Fletcher Place have a common interest and co-operation a bit more than either of them has with the neighboring Presbyterian or Baptist church. By just so much as the cultivation of denominational esprit de corps is advantageous this is detrimental to the interests of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the laymen have felt it and protested against it for more than fifty years. With a large personal acquaintance among the Methodist laymen of Indianapolis I know of but one who believes that the present arrangement is best for Methodism in Indianapolis. They have protested for more than half a century, formally and informally, but all in vain till now. Such are the provisions of the discipline that the laity have not a word to say on the subject without first obtaining the consent of the preachers. Their memorials are not even read before the General Conference, much less considered. The peculiarity of the present situation is that the question is in a shape that it cannot be shut out of the next General Conference. That a general readjustment of conference boundaries in the State is desirable no Methodist in the State doubts except a few preachers who think they have the lion's share and intend to hold it, but that so unselfish a measure will obtain no one who knows the obstructive possibilities in the case imagines. At present Indianapolis Methodism is serene. Its case will come before the General Conference this time, sure, and there can be but one result. It will all go into one conference. Indianapolis never has expressed a preference as to the conference, and does not now. The common thought has been that the most natural and convenient way would be to lift the boundary line between the Indiana and the Southeast, but the Indiana has spurned that proposition so often that there remains no alternative but to all go into the Southeast at the next General Conference. Certainly the sixteen charges now in the Southeast will not clamber over one another to get into the Indiana after having been so often refused their request to be taken in, though that would have been preferred at one time, and no objection would be urged now.

T. A. GOODWIN.

Indianapolis, Sept. 11.

Nowhere to Go.

Rochester Chronicle and Democrat.

Let's see. The mugwumps became mugwumps because everything in the Republican party did not suit them. Nothing suits them in the Democratic fold, and yet they cling to that party with the grim tenacity of death.

THE GRAIN MARKETS

FEVERISH OPENING CHANGED TO POSITIVE STRENGTH LATER.

Wheat and Corn Finished with a Gain of 1-2c and Oats Added a Fraction—Provisions Higher.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—The grain markets were agitated by the government report issued yesterday. They were feverish and irregular, but ended by being strong. Wheat and corn are each about ½ cent higher than they closed yesterday. Provisions, after early weakness, also closed strong and slightly higher. Oats finished ⅛ cent higher for September.

The government crop report on wheat was considered rather bearish at the start. Although the report on corn was extremely bullish and consequently lifted the price of that article, and of wheat also to a slight extent at the start, wheat very soon began to indicate by returning weakness the opinion entertained by the speculators of the government report. The market soon settled down for a considerable time into a state of sluggish dullness at within one-sixteenth of a cent of the price it closed at yesterday. The primary market receipts showed a material falling off from the recent averages, but, on the other hand, so did the export clearances from the Atlantic ports. Bradstreet's estimate of the visible supply knocked the market out of the even tenor of its way and in a downward direction. December, which had opened at from 57¼@57⅜c and had fallen back to around 57c and 57⅛c, where it had remained for a long time, tumbled to 56⅝@56¾c, when Bradstreet's reported an increase of nearly 4,000,000 bushels east of the Rockies. The first slap administered to the market was dealt by Rosencrans, who sold the opening bushel at from 57¼c to 57⅜c. His example set the scalpers on the market and caused the beginning of the weak feeling, which increased until after Bradstreet's visible estimate had worked the price low enough to induce some bull speculators to take hold again, and only a little of that sufficed to turn the course of the feeling into the bull channel it had previously deserted. By 1 o'clock December wheat had risen to 57½c. The strength in corn helped the market and the close was at 57½c for December.

The corn market opened strong, but the first bulge was met by a flood of selling orders, which gave a downward direction to the market that lasted until about forty-five minutes from the close. Then it rose again to about the highest price made at the opening, and closed at an advance compared with yesterday's closing quotation of about ½c per bushel. The government crop report was the chief item of news which influenced the market, but although it was not capable of any but a very bullish impression, there were oceans of corn for sale as soon as the opening bids were made. May opened at 56¼c, tumbled to 54⅞c on what some of the traders called a bucket-shop raid, and rose again near the close to 56⅛@56¼c, winding up at 56@56⅛c, as against 55⅝c yesterday.

Oats were easier in feeling and met with only a fair sale. The government report was looked on as quite favorable to the bulls, but the great influence corn has over the oats fluctuation caused the market to decline after opening firm. May started at 36c, sold off to 35½@35⅝c, up to 35⅞c, and at noon was selling at 35¾@35⅞c. With the latter rally in corn, oats advanced, May closing at 36@36⅛c.

Provisions opened firm and then declined on heavy selling by the packers. The late strength in corn caused a reaction and the market closed higher. January pork finished 5c higher, January lard 2½c lower and January ribs 5c higher.

Freights were slow. Charters to Buffalo were at 1½c for wheat and 1¼c for corn.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—Sept	54⅛	54½	53¾	54½
Dec	57⅜	57½	56⅝	57½
May	62¼	62½	61¾	62½
Corn—Sept	56¾	57½	56¼	57½
Oct	56⅝	57¼	56¼	57¼
Dec	54¾	55¼	53¾	55¼
May	56¼	56¼	54⅞	56⅛
Oats—Sept	30⅜	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛
Oct	31	31⅛	30⅞	31⅛
May	36	36⅛	35½	36⅛
Pork—Sept	$14.40	$14.40	$14.30	$14.30
Jan	14.45	14.45	14.20	14.37½
Lard—Sept	9.00	9.00	8.90	9.00
Oct	9.10	9.10	8.77½	9.00
Jan	8.45	8.45	8.25	8.40
S'ribs—Sept	7.80	7.80	7.70	7.70
Oct	7.82½	7.90	7.77½	7.90
Jan	7.40	7.40	7.25	7.40

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady and unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 54⅝@55⅝c; No. 3 spring wheat, nominal; No. 2 red, 54⅝@54½c; No. 2 corn, 57⅜c; No. 2 oats, 30⅜c; No. 2 white, 33¼@33¾c; No. 3 white, 33@33½c; No. 2 rye, 47½c; No. 2 barley, 54½c; No. 3, 52@55c; No. 4, 52@52½c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.30; prime timothy seed, $5.40; mess pork, per brl, $14.30@14.40; lard, 9c; short-rib sides (loose), 7.90@8c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6.87½@7c; short-clear sides (boxed), 8.20@8.35c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.33.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@23½c; dairy, 13@20c. Eggs firm at 15@16c.

Receipts—Flour, 13,000 brls; wheat, 200,000 bu; corn, 230,000 bu; oats, 179,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 136,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 brls; wheat, 86,000 bu; corn, 161,000 bu; oats, 299,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 31,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices in Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Flour—Receipts, 42,700 brls; exports, 16,000 brls; sales, 12,000 packages. Market quiet and holders firm; spring patents, 10c above bids. Winter patents quiet. Southern flour quiet. Rye flour slow; sales,